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EAST POLICY.

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1. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
BULLETIN ON JUNE 28 REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT
OF JUNE 27 REGARDING U.S./MIDDLE EAST POLICY: BEGIN
TEXT: COMMENTING TODAY ON THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF 27 JUNE, THE SPOKESMAN OF
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATED THAT THERE WAS
NO FOUNDATION FOR THE ASSUMPTION IMPLIED BY THE
WASHINGTON SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT, AS THOUGH ISRAEL
HAD EXCLUDED ANY TERRITORY WHATSOEVER FROM THE FRAME-
WORK OF THE EXPECTED DISCUSSION WITH THE ARAB STATES.
THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
GOVERNMENT'S BASIC POLICY GUIDELINES AND THE KNESSET
RESOLUTION--EVERY ISSUE WAS NEGOTIABLE.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
SPOKESMAN DREW ATTENTION TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S
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STATEMENT AT THE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S
MEETING IN JERUSALEM ON JUNE 28, 1977 AS FOLLOWS:
"WE DO NOT PROPOUND ANY ULTIMATIVE DEMAND. THE
WORDS 'NON-NEGOTIABLE' ARE NOT FOUND IN ANY
DICTIONARY OF OURS. EVERYTHING IS NEGOTIABLE.
THE NEGOTIATION, HOWEVER, MUST BE FREE, AS WAS
STATED IN THE U.S. DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S PLATFORM:

"WITHOUT ANY EXTERNALLY DEVISED FORMULA FOR SETTLEMENT." THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE OTHER ISSUES MENTIONED IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT, SUCH AS DEFINITION OF THE NATURE OF PEACE, WERE SLATED FOR THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL AND THE U.S. PRESIDENT, THAT WILL BE HELD IN THE COURSE OF MR. BEGIN'S VISIT TO THE U.S. -- AND EVENTUALLY, FOR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF PEACE-SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS. END TEXT.
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